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Landow Zech, Jr. Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Zech:

I was shocked to learn recently that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a proposal that would eliminate the requirement that state and local governments approve emergency plans prior to the NRC granting a full power license to nuclear plants.

The conditions set forth by the NRC that would purportedly justify the Commission to circumvent existing rules may be fine from the Commission's own administrative point of view, but they certainly do nothing to protect the safety of those who would be directly affected in the event of a nuclear accident.

I strongly urge you to abandon any plans you might have to enact or implement these new rules. Not only would they affect our health and safety, but their enactment would eliminate whatever shred of public confidence in the NRC that now exists.

Sincerely,

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